



CIVIC CENTER revitalization

A multipurpose/recreation/ cultural/community/civic center for today's Spring Hill residents and organizations

As they dreamed about initiatives to prepare Spring Hill for a prosperous future, participants in the 2014 Project Connect community visioning sessions repeatedly came back to the same idea: a central location that could host recreational activities, civic group meetings, performing arts, and public services.

The Civic Center has been utilized for many of these functions since the building was purchased by the City of Spring Hill in 1994. However, as many visitors who once attended school in this building have noted, the Civic Center hasn't changed much since it was built in 1951 as an elementary school. Minimal investments

have been made in the building, which is today ridden with mechanical, structural, security, and cosmetic problems that hold the facility back from its potential.

At its October 27 meeting, the Spring Hill City Council approved 5-0 a project authorization resolution that will allow City staff to move forward with a plan to comprehensively revitalize the Civic Center into a facility that can meet a medley of long-expressed needs for public spaces.

The Plan

In early 2016, City staff began working with Treanor Architects to develop a plan for the Civic Center that uses the existing footprint of the building to serve a multitude of uses.

The plan presented to the City Council on October 27 would invest about \$2 million in improvements to the facility. Renovation work is planned to begin in early 2017.

City Hall and the Spring Hill Recreation Commission will move off site and facility rentals will be unavailable for several months as the entire building is fitted with energy-efficient windows, an improved heating and cooling system, ADA-accessible features, and new finishings. The most extensive improvements to the Civic Center will take place in heavily used public areas like the gymnasium.

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Civic Center revitalization moving forward

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Gymnasium

The Civic Center Gymnasium is a widely utilized resource for community recreation. Our biweekly open gym program is enjoyed by local youths and adults alike, area sports teams rent the facility for practices, and seniors have found it to be a warm place to take a healthy stroll in the winter. Due to lack of air conditioning, this popular location for fun and wellness activities must stay closed for about half the year. As a major part of the revitalization, the Civic Center will be transformed into a year-round destination for recreational and cultural activities. A new heating and air conditioning system will make the facility comfortable to use throughout the seasons. The flooring and bleachers will be replaced to accommodate a wider range of activities. Audiovisual equipment will be incorporated into the stage in the gym area to enhance cultural performances and provide a large space for conference-style presentations.

Multipurpose Rooms

Hosting everything from yoga classes to 4-H meetings, the three northernmost former classrooms at the Civic Center are busy

throughout the week.

One of the classrooms will be remodeled to serve as a civic meeting room. A new multipurpose flooring in the other two classrooms will accommodate a wide range of activities, from exercise classes to club meetings.

Reception Room

Between daily luncheons for seniors, wellness programs, cheer practices, parties, and family gatherings, the reception room is busy throughout the week. This is also one of the rooms that needs the most attention, with leaky doors and windows, a dysfunctional kitchen, and many cosmetic issues.

The renovation will fix the mechanical problems and add attractive durable flooring and a new kitchen area.

Customer Service & Hospitality

New customer service windows along the hallway will help customers do business with City Hall more quickly and easily. Landscaping and seating in the courtyard will also provide a pleasant public gathering area while giving guests a good impression.

November 2016 City Calendar

02

Large item
trash day:
Miami County

03

Planning
Commission
meeting, 7 p.m.



05

Veterans Day Celebration

Join the Spring Hill American Legion, Legion Auxiliary, and Historical Society for the 11th annual Veterans Day celebration at 11 a.m. at the Civic Center gymnasium.

07

Public Safety
Advisory Board
meeting, 7 p.m.

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Coffee with a Cop

Enjoy a warm cup of coffee and a chat with local law enforcement during our new Coffee with a Cop community outreach program!

Our first event will be Monday, November 7 from 7 to 7:45 a.m. at the Queen's Price Chopper cafeteria area. Price Chopper will provide coffee, and the Spring Hill Police Department will provide two dozen doughnuts.

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City Council
meeting, 7 p.m.

11

Veterans Day
City offices
closed

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Green Board
meeting, 7 p.m.

23

Large item
trash day:
Johnson Co.



24 Happy
Thanksgiving!

City offices closed Nov. 24-25 in
observance of the holiday

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Holiday trash
pick-up



December 3, 5 to 8 p.m. | Spring Hill Civic Center

Join us for an evening of fun including: Professional photos with Santa & Mrs. Claus | Candy Cane Hunt | Christmas carnival featuring games, activities, and craft projects sponsored by local businesses & organizations | Hearty soup dinner | Cozy cocoa, cider, & coffee bar | Free shuttle service at Life Spring Church

Johnson County Human Services Redesign

The Spring Hill Multi-Service Center, a service of Johnson County Government, will be closing on Dec. 9, 2016. However, residents are being offered several alternatives to continue receiving assistance from the county and the community.

After more than eighteen months of research and community conversations with school districts, non-profit agencies, local and state governments, churches, and most importantly – clients of county human services, changes are coming to the County's delivery of human services.

While striving to utilize county resources in the most effective and efficient manner possible, county staff are working to

eliminate any duplication of services with other entities meeting human service needs and attempting to direct more resources used for administration of programs to direct service provision.

Toward this end, after Dec. 9th, local residents needing food pantry services are asked to contact one of our community partners - Life Spring Church, 210 N. Webster, at 913-592-5433. The facility is open each Thursday from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. No appointment is needed. A social security card or tax return for each member of the household is required for the first visit.

Residents needing assistance including food may also visit any one of four county

Spring Hill Multi-Service Center to close December 9, 2016

multi-service centers located in Gardner, Olathe, Lenexa and Mission.

Previous restrictions requiring residents to go only to those centers nearest their home address have been removed. This gives residents more options and makes it more convenient for those who may work or travel near one of the centers listed.

If these options are not convenient for residents, Johnson County staff will also be available to set up one-on-one meetings in designated locations such as the Spring Hill Civic Center to discuss other assistance needs.



Residents with questions may call
913-715-6653

Mayor's Christmas Tree Fund 2016



Help a neighbor in need this holiday season by donating to the Mayor's Christmas Tree Fund

One donation to the Mayor's Christmas Fund helps to support a variety of causes in our community. Founded in 2013, this annual fundraising effort collects donations for valuable local organizations that help residents in need.

- The Spring Hill Food Pantry, operated by Life Spring Church, provides groceries to residents of Johnson and Miami Counties each Thursday.
- The BackSnack program is a partnership between the Spring Hill Rotary Club and Harvesters. The program provides a weekly backpack full of nutritious food for children in need to take home over the weekend.
- The utility assistance program through Johnson County Human Services provides financial assistance to families experiencing difficulty paying utility bills.
- Miami County Thrive helps individuals and families find resources and strategies to move from poverty to self-sufficiency.

Donations will be accepted through the end of the year. A Christmas Tree in the lobby of City Hall will display ornaments featuring the names of our generous donors throughout the holiday season.

Make a donation during Hometown Holidays festivities

All proceeds from two fun activities during the Hometown Holidays (Dec. 3, 5 to 8 p.m.) will go to the Mayor's Christmas Tree Fund.

Raffle: We have a variety of great high-quality raffle items donated by local businesses! Raffle tickets will be available for purchase at City Hall beginning November 14 and will also be available the night of the event. A donation of \$1 gets you 1 ticket, or donate \$10 for 15 tickets! You do not need to be present to win.

Soup dinner: Enjoy a warm bowl of soup or chili with a cookie and drink or a hot dog with a cookie and drink for a suggested donation of \$5 per meal.

Mayor's Christmas Tree Fund 2016

Name or organization: _____

Mailing address: _____

I would like to donate _____ to the Mayor's Christmas Tree Fund.

☐ I would like to donate anonymously.

Checks should be made payable to "Mayor's Christmas Tree Fund."

You can include your donation in the same envelope as your utility bill - just make sure there are two separate payments.
Mail your donation: P.O. Box 424, Spring Hill, KS 66083 | Drop off your donation: Spring Hill City Hall, 401 N. Madison